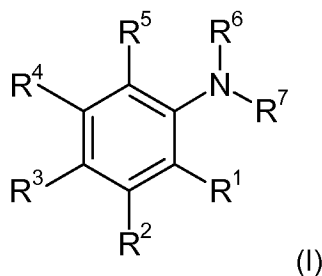


Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I):



or a salt thereof, wherein

R¹ is H, ~~cyano, halogen, trifluoromethyl, or trifluoroethyl~~;

R² is H, cyano, halogen, or trifluoromethyl, ~~or trifluoroethyl~~;

R³ is cyano, ~~nitro, or~~ halogen, ~~C(O)R⁸~~;

R⁴ is H, ~~cyano, halogen, trifluoromethyl, or trifluoroethyl~~;

R⁵ is H, ~~cyano, halogen, trifluoromethyl, or trifluoroethyl~~;

~~where at least one of R¹, R², R⁴, and R⁵ is not H;~~

each of R⁶ and R⁷ independently are -(R^a)_x-R⁹;

R^a is a C₁-C₈ alkylene chain optionally substituted with one or more of C₁-C₃ alkyl, C₂-C₃ alkenyl, or hydroxyl, where x is 0 or 1;

~~each R⁸ independently is H or C₄-C₆ alkyl;~~

R⁹ is ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, n-butyl, tert-butyl, isopentyl, n-pentyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoroethyl, hydroxymethylene, hydroxyethylene, isopropenyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylthio~~alkylthio~~, C₁-C₆ haloalkoxy, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, formyl, azido, or -NR¹⁰R¹¹;

R¹⁰ and R¹¹ each independently are H, C₁-C₃ alkyl ~~C₄-C₆ alkyl~~, ~~C(O)H~~, -C(O)R¹², -C(O)OR¹², or -SO₂R¹²; and R¹² is C₁-C₆ alkyl.

2 – 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein R⁹ is C₁-C₂ alkoxy.

8 – 14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein R⁹ is cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, or cyclohexyl.

16 – 17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein R³ is cyano, ~~nitro~~, or halogen.

19 – 22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently amended) The compound of claim ~~18~~ 22 wherein halogen is chloro.

24 – 25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently amended) The compound of claim 18 wherein R³ is cyano and ~~one of R² or R⁴~~ is cyano.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently amended) The compound of claim 1 ~~[[27]]~~ wherein R^a is methylene.

29. (Currently amended) A compound selected from:

4-[(Cyclopropylmethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile

~~4-[(cyclopropylmethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile~~

4-(diallylamino)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile

~~5-[allyl(cyclopentyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile~~

4-[butyl(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile

4-[ethyl(2-methyl-2-propenyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile

4-[butyl(ethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile

4-(dipropylamino)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile

~~N-butyl-N-ethyl-3-methyl-4-nitroaniline~~

~~5-(diallylamino)-2-nitrobenzonitrile~~

~~5-[(cyclopropylmethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile~~
~~4-(diallylamino)-2-nitrobenzonitrile~~
~~3-methyl-4-nitro-N,N-dipropylaniline~~
~~4-[sec-butyl(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile~~
~~5-[butyl(ethyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile~~
~~2-chloro-4-[(cyclopropylmethyl)(propyl)amino]benzonitrile~~
~~5-[butyl(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile~~
~~5-[(2-methoxyethyl)(methyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile~~
~~2-chloro-4-(diallylamino)benzonitrile~~
~~4-[(2-methoxyethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile~~
~~4-[allyl(cyclopentyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile~~
~~4-[ethyl(2-methyl-2-propenyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile~~
~~2-chloro-4-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl](methyl)amino]benzonitrile~~
~~N-(2-methoxyethyl)-N,2-dimethyl-4-nitroaniline~~
~~N-allyl-N-cyclopentyl-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline~~
~~5-(dipropylamino)-2-nitrophenol~~
~~2-chloro-4-(dipropylamino)benzonitrile~~
~~5-[ethyl(2-methyl-2-propenyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile~~
~~N,N-diallyl-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline~~
~~N,N-diallyl-2-methyl-4-nitroaniline~~
~~5-[(cyclopropylmethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-nitrophenol~~
~~N-(2-methoxyethyl)-3-methyl-4-nitro-N-propylaniline~~
~~4-[butyl(propyl)amino]-2-chlorobenzonitrile~~
~~N-butyl-2-chloro-N-methyl-4-nitroaniline~~
~~4-(dipropylamino)-2-nitrobenzonitrile~~
~~2-chloro-4-[(2-methoxyethyl)(propyl)amino]benzonitrile~~
~~N,N-diallyl-3-methyl-4-nitroaniline~~
~~N-(sec-butyl)-4-nitro-N-propyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline~~
~~4-(dipentylamino)-2-nitrobenzonitrile~~
~~N-(cyclopropylmethyl)-3-methyl-4-nitro-N-propylaniline~~
~~5-(dipropylamino)-2-nitrobenzonitrile~~
~~N,N-dibutyl-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline~~
~~N1-(2-chloro-4-nitrophenyl)-N1,N2,N2-trimethyl-1,2-ethanediamine~~
~~5-[sec-butyl(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile~~

~~N-ethyl-N-(2-methyl-2-propenyl)-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline~~
~~N-(2-methoxyethyl)-4-nitro-N-propyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline~~
4-[butyl(ethyl)amino]-2-chlorobenzonitrile
~~5-(dibutylamino)-2-nitrobenzonitrile~~
4-[butyl(ethyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile
4-[(2-methoxyethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
~~5-[(2-methoxyethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile~~
4-[allyl(cyclopentyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[butyl(propyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
N,N-dibutyl-3-methyl-4-nitroaniline
4-[methyl(octyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile
4-(dibutylamino)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
~~N-(cyclopropylmethyl)-4-nitro-N-propyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)aniline~~
~~N-allyl-N-cyclohexyl-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline~~
4-[(2-methoxyethyl)(methyl)amino]-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-(diallylamino)-3-nitrobenzonitrile
N-1-(2-chloro-4-nitrophenyl)-N1,N3,N3-trimethyl-1,3-propanediamine
~~N,N-bis(2-methoxyethyl)-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline~~
4-[sec-butyl(propyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
2-chloro-4-[ethyl(2-methyl-2-propenyl)amino]benzonitrile
~~N-cyclohexyl-N-ethyl-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline~~
2-chloro-4-(dibutylamino)benzonitrile
4-[cyclohexyl(ethyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile
4-[bis(2-ethoxyethyl)amino]-3-chlorobenzonitrile
2-chloro-N-(2-methoxyethyl)-N-methyl-4-nitroaniline
~~N-butyl-N-ethyl-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline~~
~~N-(sec-butyl)-3-methyl-4-nitro-N-propylaniline~~
~~N-(2-methoxyethyl)-N-methyl-4-nitro-2-(trifluoromethyl)aniline~~
4-{bis[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]amino}-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
~~N-(cyclopropylmethyl)-4-nitro-N-propyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline~~
4-[(methyl)(octyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-(propylamino)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-nitro-N-propyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
~~3-[[4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]amino]propan-1-ol~~

4-[(3-hydroxypropyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[[2-hydroxy-1-(hydroxymethyl)ethyl]amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-(dimethylamino)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-(diethylamino)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[methyl(2-methylpropyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(cyclopropylmethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(cyclopropylmethyl)(3-hydroxypropyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(cyclopropylmethyl)(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
N-(cyclopropylmethyl)-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
3-[(cyclopropylmethyl)[4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]amino]-1-propanol
2-[(cyclopropylmethyl)[4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]amino]ethanol
4-[(cyclopropylmethyl)amino]-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
1-[4-[(cyclopropylmethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethanone
4-[(1-cyclopropylethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[allyl(1-cyclopropylethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2,2-dimethylpropyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2,2-dimethylpropyl)(3-hydroxypropyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2,2-dimethylpropyl)(2-propen-1-yl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2,3-dihydroxypropyl)(2,2-dimethylpropyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2,2-dimethylpropyl)(2-oxoethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2,2-dimethylpropyl)(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2,2-dimethylpropyl)(propyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(1,1-dimethylethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
N-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
N-(cyclopropylmethyl)-N-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
4-[(1,1-dimethylethyl)(2-propen-1-yl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(1,1-dimethylethyl)(2-oxoethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(1,1-dimethylethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(3-hydroxypropyl)[(1S)-1-methylpropyl]amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
2-(trifluoromethyl)-4-[(3,3,3-trifluoropropyl)amino]benzonitrile
4-[bis(2-fluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-nitro-N-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
4-[(3-hydroxypropyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile

4-[(3-hydroxypropyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-bromo-N,N-bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
4-[bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2,2-difluoroethyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)[2-(trifluoromethyl)-4-biphenyl]amine
4-[(2-hydroxyethyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[[2-(methyloxy)ethyl](2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[[2-(ethyloxy)ethyl](2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)(2-[(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)oxy]ethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[methyl(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[ethyl(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[propyl(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[butyl(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2-methylprop-2-enyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[isobutyl(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(3-methylbut-2-enyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[isopentyl(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[prop-2-ynyl(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2-fluoroethyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[[2-(methylthio)ethyl](2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2-azidoethyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
N-{2-[[4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl](2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]ethyl} acetamide
methyl 2-[[4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl](2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]ethylcarbamate
tert-butyl 2-[[4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl](2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]ethylcarbamate
N-{2-[[4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl](2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]ethyl}
methanesulfonamide;
4-(dipropylamino)phthalonitrile;
and salts thereof.

30 – 32. (Cancelled)

33. (Previously Presented) A compound selected from the group consisting of:
N,N-diallyl-4-nitroaniline
N-(cyclopropylmethyl)-4-nitro-N-propylaniline

4-(dipropylamino)benzonitrile;
4-nitro-N,N-dipropylaniline;
and salts thereof.

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

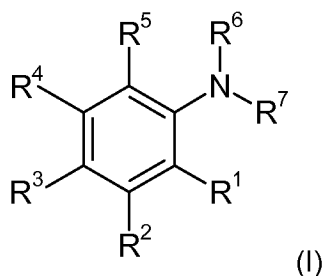
36 – 42. (Cancelled)

43. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 29, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

44. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 33, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

45 – 46. (Cancelled)

47. (New) A compound of formula (I):



or a salt thereof, wherein

R¹ is cyano, halogen, or trifluoromethyl;

R² is H;

R³ is cyano, halogen, or -C(O)R⁸;

R⁴ is H;

R⁵ is H;

each of R⁶ and R⁷ independently are -(R^a)_x-R⁹;

R^a is a C₁-C₈ alkylene chain optionally substituted with one or more of C₁-C₃ alkyl, C₂-C₃ alkenyl, or hydroxyl, where x is 0 or 1;

each R⁸ independently is C₁-C₃ alkyl

R⁹ is ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, n-butyl, tert-butyl, isopentyl, n-pentyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoroethyl, hydroxymethylene, hydroxyethylene, isopropenyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, C₁-C₆ haloalkoxy, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, azido, or -NR¹⁰R¹¹;

R¹⁰ and R¹¹ each independently are H, C₁-C₃ alkyl, -C(O)R¹², -C(O)OR¹², or -SO₂R¹²; and R¹² is C₁-C₆ alkyl.

48. (New) A compound according to claim 47 wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

N-(cyclopropylmethyl)-4-nitro-N-propyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)aniline;

4-[bis(2-ethoxyethyl)amino]-3-chlorobenzonitrile;

and salts thereof.